

## INDIANAIANS WILL STOP AT CONGRESS

Various State Delegations to Republican Convention Select Hotels.

News-Times Special Service:

CHICAGO, May 18.—Chicago is preparing to entertain the largest crowd in her history the week of June 7, when thousands of republicans in all their varied states of belief, will flock here to select a 1916 standard bearer—maybe two standard bearers.

Never before, according to hotel men here, who are used to national conventions, has there been such a nation-wide cry for accommodations. They freely predict that all records will be broken. Even now, it is practically impossible to secure accommodations in the hotels in the "loop."

Besides the male visitors to the republican and progressive conclaves, hotel men are confronted with the task of caring for several thousand women who will be here to attend the Woman's convention the same week. It is the women that are planting grey hairs in the inn-keepers' heads. Local suffragists and women's clubs are cooperating with the hotel men in an attempt to solve this problem, but even with their help it has monumental proportions.

The task of caring for the women is infinitely more puzzling than that of the men. Mere men, it was pointed out, can be stuck on cots in semi-public places with perfect propriety, whereas Chicago will hardly permit of the same treatment to her female guests.

Extra waiters by the hundreds are being drilled and booked for emergency calls.

Many of the reservations have been made in the larger hotels ever since the republican national committee announced that the convention was coming here.

Delegations Quarters.

Headquarters of the various state delegations have been established. Following is a partial list of them:

Congress hotel, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Idaho, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New York, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Wisconsin and Delaware will be at the Kaiserhof; Maryland and New Hampshire at the LaSalle; North Carolina at the Lexington; Kansas and Utah at the Auditorium; South Dakota at the Palmer House, and Florida at the Grand Pacific.

Col. Roosevelt has yet to select his personal headquarters. Three suites have been reserved for him—at the Congress, Blackstone and LaSalle hotels, respectively. The progressive party has reserved 540 rooms at the LaSalle, 100 rooms at the Auditorium and the ball room at the latter place for committees.

All presidential candidates will be under the Congress roof. The Floristine room is occupied by the Roosevelt progressive headquarters. Theodore Burton and his Ohio supporters will be in the Elizabethan room, and the English room will be filled with Charles Warren Fairbanks and his Indiana and Kentucky adherents.

Sen. Cummins and his Iowa delegation have the Oak room. The presidential suite, 1102, will be occupied by Sen. John W. Weeks and his Massachusetts boosters. Sen. Borah and the Idaho men will be in 1134.

New York has made its headquarters in B5-B8, from which both the Hughes and Root candidacies will be promoted.

Pennsylvania has taken the Green room, expecting to have a candidate in either Knox, Penrose or Brumbaugh.

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## Prepares For G. O. P. Conclave



Mr. Reynolds is secretary of the republican national committee and is now in Chicago preparing for the big convention in June.

## SENATE AGREES TO ARMY BILL

Conference Report on Reorganization is Accepted After Day of Debate.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The senate after an all-day debate agreed Wednesday night to the conference report on the army reorganization bill without a roll call. The house is expected to approve the report within a day or two and send the first of the big national defense measures to the president.

The bill provides for a regular army of 211,000 officers and men at peace strength and approximately 250,000 at war strength and for a federalized national guard of 457,000 officers and men at maximum strength.

Denounce Irish Executions.

Discussion of the conference report embraces a denunciation of the Irish revolutionists, attacks upon the administration's Mexican policy, renewed assaults upon the national guard as a political force, and vigorous criticism of the provision for a government nitrate manufacturing plant.

Sen. Fall asserted that Gen. Pershing with the 14,000 troops at his command could march on to Mexico City, taking every town with little trouble if he were unhampered by orders from Washington and that 90 per cent of the Mexican people would welcome such action. He also declared that representatives of Gen. Carranza were negotiating with foreign governments against the United States, and that this government would be forced to fight foreign forces on Mexican soil if it did not do its full duty to the people of Mexico and the United States.

Borah Renews Attack.  
Sen. Borah of Idaho, renewing his attack on the national guard as a political force, declared that it would prove to be more detrimental to the United States than an invading army. He arraigned Great Britain for the Irish executions, declaring there had been no greater blow to free institutions since the European war began.

Sen. Lodge and Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee also criticized the army bill, the former blaming the house for not accepting a larger regular army proposed by the senate, and the latter maintaining that the proposed army was too great. Sen. Stone said he was so anxious to see the nitrate provision enacted that he would almost be willing to agree to any size army necessary, but insisted that

## Oyster Price To be Boosted Ten Percent

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 18.—It was decided to increase the price of oysters 10 per cent at a conference held here Wednesday by the Oyster Dealers' and Growers' association of America. Some of the delegates favored a much greater advance, pointing out that it was justified by a large increase in the cost of production and that the oyster was the only food commodity that had not advanced in price during the last 10 years.

there was no need of an increased army.

Sees No Danger of Assault.

"I see no need now, nor at any time in our history for a large army," he said. "The enlargement provided would entail a very grave and useless burden. The only use for an army is to attack an enemy or defend our own soil. There is not a senator nor a member of the house who will say we are in danger of assault on land by an invading army, of any country on earth."

Sen. Brandegee, author of the amendment for a regular standing army of 250,000 men at peace strength, which was rejected by the conference, declared that the English language was inadequate to express his disgust at the conference action and said he hoped "the good Lord, who guards the drunkard and the fool, will save the nation."

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